(c) Government have been making strenuous efforts in the United Nations, the Non-aligned Movement and the Commonwealth to press for effective international action to secure the dismantlement of apartheid and the establishment of a democratic polity in South Africa and the early accession of Namibia to independence. Through its Chairmanship of the Africa Fund Government are also engaged in efforts to mobilise world public opinion against the evil of apartheid.

Complex at Khejarili, Jodhpur

3558. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a big complex at Khejarili village near Jodhpur in memory of 363 Vishnois who had sacrificed their lives in the year 1730 protecting the Khezdi trees;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any proposal has since been approved by Government in this regard and if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The Department has received an outline of the proposal for setting up of a National Memorial at the village Khejarili, near Jodhpur from the Chief Conservator of Forests Rajasthan. The proposal relates to establishment of Environmental Awareness Centre having a museum, a library an open air auditorium, audio-visual aides, declaration of Vishnois belt (Jodhpur Tehsil) as a biosphere reserves; institution of a fellowship in Jodhpur University for the study of ecology of the region; establishment of Krishna Mrig (Black-Buck) Park at Khejarli. and creation of 'Khejri' grove of trees at Khejarili with a nursery. The propsal is under consideration of the Department.

Appointment of Agents by States for Sending Labourers Abroad

3559. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have not yet appointed Agents for sending labourers to foreign countries even though the Bill in this regard has been passed;

(b) if so, what are the names of such States and what are the reasons for not doing so;

(c) what are the names of the States which have taken steps to appoint Agents;

(d) what are the names of Agents/Agencies in Gujarat through whom the labourers are being sent abroad; and

(e) what are the rules, regulations, guidelines and criteria for the appointments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Under the Emigration Act, 1983 it is not obligatory for the States to appoint Agents for manpower export. However, States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Maharasttra; Orissa; Uttar Pradesh; Punjab and Union Territory of Delhi have set up State Manpower Corporations registered with the Ministry of Labour.

(d) A statement showing list of Recruiting Agencies in Gujarat is enclosed. (*See* below).

(e) The agencies which are financially sound and trustworthy are given registration as per provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983.